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Interview Summary

Application No.

10/765,776

Applicant(s)

KOBYLINSKI ET AL.

Examiner

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Art Unit

2194

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Houda El-Jarrah.

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Date of Interview: _____.

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 15 and 22.


Identification of prior art discussed: "Visualization Using Timelines" by Gerald Karam, and "From UML Sequence Diagrams and Statecharts to Analyze Petri Net Models" by Bernardi et al..

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant agreed to ammend specification to distinguish recordable-type of computer readable medium in combination with the proposed ammendment to be filed and the proposed ammendment appears to overcome the prior art of record.

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/765,776

First Named Applicant: Kris Kobylinski

Examiner: Kimbleann C Verdi

Art Unit: 2194

Status of Application: 1st OA

Tentative Participants:

(1) Mari Stewart(2) Houda El-Jarrah

Proposed Date of Interview:

Proposed Time:

Central Time

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:

☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues Claims/ (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
Claim	1,2,8,9,15,16,22,				
(1) Objections	and 23		[]	[]	[]
(2) § 101	15-28		[]	[]	[]
(3) §103	1-28	Karan, Bernardi			

☐ Continuation Sheet AttachedBrief Description of Arguments to be Presented: See attached agenda

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

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Houda El-Jarrah
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

Houda El-Jarrah

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For: A Method and System for
Presenting Event Flows Using
Sequence Diagrams

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AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The following is the agenda for the scheduled interview on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 2 pm ET. Please consider the following topics for discussion:

A. Claim Objections

-Proposed Amendment for Claim 1 to overcome Claim Objections (1 a. - d.);

Support for the claims may be found on pages 15, lines 1-20,

1. A method for presenting event associations between events from one or more event flows on a display screen of a computer, comprising: constructing a sequence diagram representation, wherein the sequence diagram representation comprises a top node associated with a machine or a process; [pg 15, ll 1-2]

generating event pairs between the events from the one or more event flows, wherein said sequence diagram representation having comprises timelines for said event flows and directional paths between said timelines for said event associations, and said sequence diagram representation comprising higher levels and lower levels, wherein a user drill down from the top node associated with a higher level to a lower level in the sequence diagram representation to view the events; and [pg.15, ll 1-20]

displaying said sequence diagram representation on said display screen.

B. Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §101**1. 35 U.S.C. § 101 : Claims 15-21**

-Proposed Amendment for Claim 15: Support may be found on page 19, lines 9-14, page 9, lines 2-6.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a recordable-type computer readable medium tangibly embodying computer executable code for presenting event associations between events from one or more event flows on a display screen, said computer program product comprising...."

2. 35 U.S.C. § 101: Claims 22-28

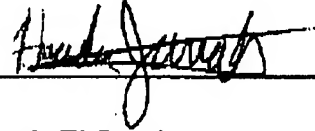
-Proposed Amendment for claim 22: Support for the claims may be found on pages 15, lines 1-20.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for presenting event associations between events from one or more event flows on a display screen of a computer, said apparatus comprising:
a memory;
software modules resident in the memory, wherein the software modules store programmed instructions;
a processing unit, wherein the processing unit executes the programmed instruction to construct a sequence diagram representation comprising a top node assigned to a machine or a process, generate event pairs between the events from the one or more event flows, said sequence diagram representation comprising timelines for said event flows and directional paths between said timelines for said event associations, and said sequence diagram representation comprising a higher level and a lower level, wherein a user drills down from the top node in the higher level down to the lower level; (page 15, lines 1-20)
and display said sequence diagram representation on said display screen
~~An article having a computer-readable modulated carrier signal being usable over a network, and having means embedded in the computer-readable modulated carrier signal for presenting event associations between events from one or more event flows on a display screen, said article comprising:~~
~~means in the medium for constructing a sequence diagram representation, said representation having timelines for said event flows and directional paths between said timelines for said event associations;~~
~~and means in the medium for displaying said representation on said display.~~

C. 35 U.S.C. § 103: Claims 1-28

Applicants would also like to discuss the manner in which the proposed amendment to claim 1 is distinguishable over the cited references. The proposed

amendment to claim 1 is quoted above. The Examiner is invited to call at the below-listed telephone number to confirm or reschedule the requested telephone interview.



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